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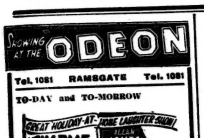

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REFUSED TO OBEY ORDER

BROADSTAIRS FIREWOMAN IN COURT

APOLOGISED AFTER SUMMONS

Because she refused to obey an order transferring her from headquarters to another station, a woman serving in the National Fire Service at Broadstairs appeared before the Cinque Ports magistrates at Margate on Monday.

She was Mrs. Dorothy May Challess, of Osborne-road, Broadstairs, and she was summoned for disobeying a lawful order to report to the N.F.S. at Vere-road, Broadstairs, in contravention of the National Fire Service Regulations, 1941.

It was stated that since the proceedings were instituted defendant had apologised for her action and was prepared to carry out the instruction.

In the circumstances the prosecution did not press the case. The summons was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders' Act, defendant being ordered to pay 4s. court costs and one guinea advocate's fee.

Mr. Malcolm Borg, who appeared for the prosecution, explained that under article 8 of the Regulations a whole-time member of the N.F.S. could be ordered to any place in the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man, and that failure to carry out an order rendered a person liable to a maximum of one month's imprisonment, a fine not exceeding £10, or both fine and imprisonment.

Appeal Dismissed.

Defendant, he went on, was enrolled as a whole-time firewoman in October, 1941, and was posted to divisional headquarters, Broadstairs, where she served satisfactorily in every way. On 24th September she was transferred to Vere-road, which, incidentally, was nearer to her home, and was instructed to report for duty there on 25th September. She did not report there and said she did not wish to be transferred. She was very happy at headquarters, where she had made friends, and did not wish to go to another station. She was informed of her right of appeal, and she lodged an appeal, which was dismissed. She was informed by letter that she was to report for duty at Vere-road on 10th October, but did not do so.

On 15th October, said Mr. Borg, the Divisional Officer served her with a charge sheet. She gave no reasonable explanation for her conduct and was punished by the stoppage of 10s. from her pay. She still failed to report for duty and another letter of warning was sent to her. She wrote to the Divisional Officer stating that she appreciated the chances which had been given to her and would not mind going to Vere-road if she could see any opportunity of returning to headquarters, but there did not seem to be any glimmer of hope of that.

Suspended from Duty.

She was suspended from duty on 29th October, having been absent on full pay from 12th October. Since proceedings had been instituted, defendant had seen the Divisional Officer and apologised, stating that she was prepared to report for duty at Vere-road. In the circumstances the prosecution felt that the case might be dismissed under the Probation of Offenders' Act. Although in some areas there had been trouble through lack of discipline, there had been very little difficulty in that respect at Broadstairs.

Defendant admitted that the circumstances as outlined by Mr. Borg were correct.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan): They seem to have been very patient with you. Why did you hold out?

Defendant: I held out because I did not think it was a fair order. I have been at Divisional Headquarters for nearly a year and there has been nothing said against my work. Then all of a sudden I am shifted. A new group officer shifted me—not the company officer—and when I asked her the reason she said the Labour Exchange had shifted me. I knew that was not right, and I wanted to know why it was.

The Magistrates' Clerk: If every man and woman in uniform took matters into their own hands where should we be? You may think it unjust, but there is an order to be obeyed.

Announcing the dismissal of the case, the Chairman (Mr. J. H. Millar) told defendant she must obey orders, whether she considered them unjust or not.

ALEXANDRA PHILANTHROPIC HOMES

Although the inmates of the Alexandra Philanthropic Homes, Margate, who are evacuated to various parts of the country, want to continue the Committee of Management feel they should not do so just at present.

The report, presented at the anniversary meeting of the Homes last week, stated that owing to local conditions certain investments had depreciated in value and interest had decreased. While a somewhat larger balance than usual appeared on the general account it had to be borne in mind that on the cessation of hostilities there would be a considerable outlay for renovations and repairs. The Reconstruction Fund now stood at £5,313.

Mr. W. Booth Reeve was re-elected president.

UPTURNED BOAT

MR. L. BALESTRINI REPORTED MISSING

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, Mr. Louis Balestrini, son of Mr. A. Balestrini and the late Mrs. Balestrini, formerly of Marine-terrace, Margate, has been reported missing following the sinking of the merchant ship in which he was serving.

Mr. Balestrini's wife, who is living at Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey, has been told by the chief steward of the ship that he last saw her husband in a lifeboat, safe and uninjured, but the next morning there was no sign of the boat. As they were picked up by another ship they saw an upturned lifeboat, which was believed to be the one in which Mr. Balestrini had been.

Mrs. Balestrini has received a letter of sympathy from the King and Queen.

Twenty-five years of age, Mr. Balestrini joined the Merchant Navy before the war and made several trips across the Atlantic.

ALLEGED THEFTS AT BROADSTAIRS

TWO SOLDIERS SENT FOR TRIAL

Bail was refused when Gnr. Joseph Scott, aged 26, and Gnr. Leonard Frank Perry, aged 22, were committed for trial at Dover Quarter Sessions by the Cinque Ports magistrates at Margate on Monday.

Scott was charged with breaking and entering a canteen at Hildersham School, St. Peter's-road, Broadstairs, on 27th March, and stealing a 10s. note, 30s. in silver and a carton of 200 cigarettes, to the total value of £3 17s. 6d., the property of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute.

Scott and Perry were together charged with breaking and entering a tuck-up shop known as The Cabin, Northdown-road, St. Peter's, on 26th October, and stealing 448 cigarettes, two cigarette lighters, 5s. in postage stamps, a quantity of chocolate and soap and 3s. 7d. in coppers, together valued at £2 13s. 4d., the property of Frederick Arthur Hughes.

Mrs. Freda Amy Clout said in March last she was manageress of the N.A.A.F.I. canteen at Hildersham School, Broadstairs. The place was securely locked on the evening of 27th March and the next morning she discovered that notes and silver were missing from a cash box, and that 200 cigarettes were also missing.

Frederick Arthur Hughes, of Westover-road, St. Peter's, proprietor of The Cabin, Northdown-road, said he locked the premises about 8 p.m. on 26th October. The next morning he found the back window had been forced open and the black-out shutter inside was down. Articles mentioned in the charge were missing.

Already on Bail.

D/C Self, K.C.C., said in company with W/R/C Gayler he saw Scott on 24th October and arrested him on a charge of storebreaking. While in custody the next day Scott made a statement in which he said that Perry went to The Cabin one evening about a month previously for a cup of tea. While there he unscrewed the screw holding the shutter over the window. After leaving they waited for about an hour and then went back. They forced the window open, the black-out shutter fell down, and they both entered. They took cigarettes, chocolate, soap and two cigarette lighters.

Later the same day witness arrested Perry and showed him a copy of the statement made by Scott. He said "I confess to it." Perry also made a statement, saying that while they were having a cup of tea in the cafe he saw Scott go to the shutter and undo the screw. Later Scott forced the window open with a jackknife. He (Perry) took some cigarettes, soap and chocolate. While inside, Scott lit a candle.

"I realise that at the time I was on bail," added the statement. "I am very sorry for it and realise it was very foolish of me to have done it."

Scott, later made a further statement in which he said he entered the N.A.A.F.I. canteen at Hildersham House through the side door, which was insecure. He took a 10s. note, about 14s. in silver and a carton of cigarettes.

Neither accused had anything to say except that they were sorry.

They were committed for trial at Dover Quarter Sessions on 12th January.

Inspr. Hann opposed an application for bail, especially, he said, in regard to Perry, who was on bail at the time of the alleged offence.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 5.21 p.m.—8.30 a.m.
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Sunday	... 5.22 p.m.—8.33 a.m.
Monday	... 5.22 p.m.—8.33 a.m.

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Police Amalgamation

COMMONS STATEMENT

The proposed amalgamation of police forces in certain areas, including the merging of the borough forces in Kent into the Kent County Constabulary, was again referred to by the Home Secretary (Mr. Herbert Morrison) in the House of Commons last week.

Mr. Morrison said he had forwarded details of the proposals to the police authorities concerned. Until he had considered their views he was not in a position to take any final decision.

The proposals are:

Kent.—The nine separate borough forces should be amalgamated with the county force.

Surrey.—Borough forces of Guildford and Reigate should be amalgamated with the county force.

Hampshire.—Isle of Wight force and Winchester borough force should be amalgamated with the county force.

Wiltshire.—Salisbury force should be amalgamated with the county force.

Cornwall.—Penzance force should be amalgamated with the county force.

Sussex.—All the forces should be amalgamated so that the two county forces of East and West Sussex and those of the county boroughs of Brighton, Eastbourne and Hastings, and the borough of Hove would form one force.

Mr. Morrison reiterated his statement made at an earlier sitting of the House that he did not propose to interfere with the larger substantial police forces, and if he did he would make a special announcement to the House.

Except in Sussex, each of the forces to be amalgamated with the county force had an authorised regular strength of considerably less than 100. In the case of Sussex more substantial forces were involved, and the two county forces had each an establishment of over 300, and Brighton of over 200.

Importance of Sussex.

The military importance of Sussex needed no emphasis, and it was clearly desirable, from the point of view of military operations, that there should be one police force for the whole area. This was more particularly the case as at present responsibility for this important part of the south coast was divided among no fewer than six forces.

"Despite the fact that three substantial forces are involved," he added, "I am of the opinion that, subject to any representations which the police authorities may put before me, I ought to proceed with the scheme. Before doing so, however, I think it right, in accordance with the spirit of the undertaking which I gave, that the House should be informed of this proposal."

Earl Winterton (Cons.) said that more than one member representing a constituency affected believed the proposals to be absolutely necessary and in the public interest. "We very much hope," he added, "that he will stand by them after having listened to representations by the interested parties."

Mr. Morrison was asked for an assurance that the amalgamations were to be made only as a war-time measure. "Yes," he replied, "it is action taken under defence regulations." But he added that he could not guarantee the action of any future governments which might wish to bring in legislation to continue it.

Inadequate Excuse.

The following letter from the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, chairman of the Civil Defence Committee of Ramsgate Town Council, was published in "The Times" on Saturday:

Sir,—A cold, soulless machine for the detection and prevention of crime as against the warm, helpful, strong right arm of the chief constable and his force. That is the struggle now proceeding between the country towns of England and the Home Secretary. The towns which have given England her character and independence.

Whitehall officials have never understood civic administration in the provinces. To them a policeman dealt with crime only. We know that our Chief Constable and his force are part of the civic life of the town; efficient in the prevention of crime but ready to assist in any emergency, called into the intimate counsels of the city fathers to help in times of crisis.

During the war the chief constable organises the air raid wardens' service and in many towns is in charge of all Civil Defence activities. He and the members of his force act as the strong elder brother to the people in their many war-time problems, particularly after air raids.

The need for co-operation with the military is now used as the excuse to wipe out borough police forces and secure one force for each county. The inadequacy of the excuse has been proved already.

In this corner of England Dunkirk was a classic example of police co-operation with the military.

The police, including special constables and police reserves, 200 of them in Ramsgate alone, worked night and day in close collaboration with the naval and military forces in disembarking and evacuating scores of thousands of troops. Sea, road and rail transport were involved and it is difficult to imagine a greater test (other than actual invasion) of collaboration between police and naval and military authorities.

No case has been or can be made for wiping out the police forces of provincial boroughs. One cold, soulless, rigid standard throughout the country for police and other services is apparently the aim at Whitehall in order to make administration easier

MINISTER IS A PRISONER

REV. T. RUSSELL IN ITALIAN HANDS

Reported missing in the Middle East last June, the Rev. Thomas Russell, formerly Methodist minister in the Margate circuit, is now known to be a prisoner of war in Italy.

A postcard has been received from Mr. Russell, on which he states that he is well and continuing his work as a padre, but is short of clothing.

While serving in the Margate circuit for four years Mr. Russell lived at Westgate and Birchington and played football for both Birchington and Margate F.Cs. He married Miss Cadman, of Westgate, who is living at Selby with their little daughter.

Mr. Russell volunteered for active service in 1941 and went to the Middle East last Christmas. After being engaged in hospital work in Alexandria he was moved up to the battle area.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

LATER DRINKS AT RAMSGATE

Fifty-six public-houses in Ramsgate will remain open for an extra hour—until 11 p.m.—on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day.

Making the application on behalf of 53 licensees at Ramsgate police court on Monday, Mr. A. R. Young suggested that reasonable facilities should be granted to brighten up their war-time lives and for the entertainment of guests in the borough—whether forces or otherwise.

Mr. Young also asked that similar facilities should be granted in respect of the social clubs, with the addition of an extension until 11 p.m. on New Year's eve.

Mr. E. C. Allfree made one similar application on behalf of a club.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Hurlock) said that last year the general application was made for three days but the magistrates thought it better that matters should be equalised so that publicans should not feel that clubs were getting an advantage over them.

This year the publicans had thought it wise not to make application in respect of New Year's Eve. He thought their reason probably was that an hour's extension did not give them much scope and their customers would not be able to see the New Year in. He wondered whether the magistrates would not again consider the question of uniformity, especially in view of the appeal to save fuel and light.

A Small Concession.

One might say, continued the Chief Constable, that there was no necessity for the applications at all as there would be no extra people in the town, but he did not take that view. He thought some little concession might be granted in view of the conditions in which they were living.

The Bench said he thought the bench might consider that clubs were in a slightly different category from public-houses and which people dropped casually. The Ministry of Fuel and Power were urging that people should meet in each other's homes to save light and heating and if the application were granted it would therefore be assisting in effecting a saving.

The Chief Constable: It might be if men did not leave their wives and children at home. (Laughter.)

The Chairman (Mr. J. Perry) announced that all the applications would be granted.

In respect of the West Cliff Theatre the magistrates granted an extension of the music and dancing license until 1 a.m. for a New Year's eve ball and for a ball to be held on behalf of the Mayor's Troops Comforts Fund on 11th January, and an occasional license in respect of each of the dances from 7.30 p.m. until 12.30 a.m.

The Oddfellows' Hall was granted an extension of the music and dancing license until 12.15 a.m. for a New Year's Eve dance to be held by the Newington Sports and Social Club.

CURFEW RELAXED FOR CHRISTMAS

Lord Monsell, the Regional Commissioner for South-Eastern Civil Defence Region, has issued Directions under the Defence (General) Regulations relaxing for the nights of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve the coastal curfew restrictions and the curfew on public entertainments and places of public resort.

On these nights only, persons may be abroad in the coastal curfew area until 1 o'clock in the morning and, subject to the provisions of the general law and to any justices licensing which may be necessary, premises which are ordinarily required to close at 10.15 p.m. within the coastal curfew area and 11 p.m. elsewhere may remain open until 12.30 a.m.

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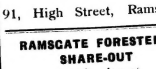

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THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

THREE BLIND MICE

BY

TANJONG

Sam Stancliff walked slowly through the unfragrant streets behind Kreta Ayer, examining critically the articles displayed in each open-fronted Chinese kedieh. Stocks were worth close investigation, for it was the week before the Chinese New Year, and no merchant, big or small, will risk bad luck by beginning the New Year in debt, even if he has to part with his most cherished possessions to raise money.

In consequence there are many curios and even valuable articles to be bought at bargain prices. Here and there, displayed almost sheepishly, were jade necklaces and earrings, bracelets of gold filigree, silver and carved ivory, and even ruby rings of a size that looked too good to be real.

Stancliff was seeking yet another trinket to add to the collection already sent to "the girl at home." He didn't want any more jade, gold filigree or silver. She must have enough of these by now to stock a museum. This time he must find something out of the ordinary.

As he passed a kedieh which seemed to specialise in odds and ends of furniture he caught a glimpse of three small objects standing alone on a shelf half-hidden by a blackwood screen. On closer examination they proved to be three mice, beautifully carved in ivory, and ranging in size from three-quarters of an inch to an inch and a half. They were identical in pose, sitting up with their fore-paws clasped on their chests, and blindfolded by their tails, which were wrapped round their heads.

Here was something really unusual; Stancliff had never seen anything quite like them; they were obviously old and probably symbolic: he determined to buy them.

He went into the kedieh, and in answer to his call a tall, hollow-cheeked Cantonese appeared from behind a pile of camphor-wood chests.

"What is your price for those three ivory mice?" asked Stancliff.

The Chinese looked startled. "Three ivory mice?" he echoed. "Tuan, I am sorry, they are not for sale."

"Then why are they in the window?"

"Tuan, I should explain that they are already sold and I now wait for the purchaser to return with the money."

Stancliff went out disappointed, and continued his search among the other shops without finding anything he wanted.

The following day he passed down the same street and saw, to his surprise, the three mice still standing on the shelf. Possibly the would-be purchaser had changed his mind, and they were once more for sale. He hurried into the shop and this time his shout was answered by a weedy Chinese youth, one of the doubtful products of Western influence dressed in flamboyant European clothes.

"Are those three ivory mice for sale?" asked Stancliff.

"Everything's for sale here," replied the youth in English, without taking the cigarette from the corner of his mouth.

"What's the price for the set?"

The youth took them from the shelf and glanced at them casually. "I'll take twenty dollars for the lot," he said, "and that's dirt cheap; you won't find anything to match them in Singapore."

Stancliff tossed a twenty-dollar bill on the counter, put the ivories in his pocket, and walked out well pleased.

Before he was out of the maze of small streets he heard footsteps pattering behind him and a voice calling "Tuan . . . Tuan!" It was the Chinese youth.

"Well, what is it?" demanded Stancliff.

"Tuan, it was a mistake," panted the youth, dropping all his Western "culture" in his anxiety. "The ivories were not for sale. Please give them back." He tried to thrust the twenty-dollar note into Stancliff's hand.

"You shouldn't make mistakes," said Stancliff. "You sold them to me and I intend to keep them." He walked on until he reached his car, with the boy still protesting behind him.

A Secret Disclosed.

On reaching his bungalow he sat down to examine his purchase. Yes, they were marvellous specimens of the carver's art, every hair on their bodies seemed alive, and while he was fingering the largest mouse he chanced to press on its nose, and to his astonishment the top of the head opened revealing a hollow in which lay three tiny slips of ivory engraved with minute hieroglyphics. He tried the middle mouse, with the same result, but in this case there were only two slips, and in the small mouse, one.

They were certainly a find; but he was puzzled over the meaning of the slips; Walters, the junior lieutenant of the police, understood these things; he would ask him when he made his usual call in search of a "stengah" and a chat.

He ranged the mice on his desk, and they were the first things to catch the policeman's attention when he came in. "Hallo!" he exclaimed, "Where the devil did you get these?"

Stancliff related the story of their purchase, and Walters asked excitedly "Do you know what they are? They're the assembly sign of the 'Tikkus' Society,' one of the worst gangs of 'Five Tiger Generals' . . . gunmen, you know . . . in the Far East. We thought we'd cleared them all out of Singapore, but apparently they've crept in again. Gosh, Sammy! You must let me take these; the information on these slips may be the means of cleaning up the whole gang."

Shortly after he had retired for the night Stancliff was awakened by a sound in his room. He reached out, switched on the light, and discovered a tough-looking Chinese ruffian standing on either side of his bed. Without speaking a word they signed to him to get up, and giving him only enough time to slip on a kimono, they bandaged his eyes and led him firmly down the garden and thrust him into a closed car. He was too dazed to notice the direction in which he was driven, but when he was eventually released he found himself in the upper room of a Chinese house, in which were seated the tall hollow-cheeked proprietor of the shop where he had found the mice, and the youth who had sold them.

The man said "I trust the Honourable gentleman will forgive the unusual method of inviting him to visit my humble house, but unfortunately time presses and it was the only way. The fault lies with this totally disgusting youth who parted with the three ivory mice against my express orders. I beg the Honourable Gentleman to realise that it was a mistake and return them at once."

"I haven't got them," replied Stancliff. "I gave them to a friend."

"Then perhaps he will write a letter to his friend asking for their immediate return. The youth shall take it and bring back the ivories."

Stancliff started an indignant refusal, which was interrupted by the Cantonese, who remarked casually "I see that the Honourable Gentleman is without shoes; I trust his feet are not uncomfortable."

Unpleasant Prospect.

Stancliff, wondering at this solicitude glanced down at his bare feet, and on raising his eyes again he was horrified to see one of the men handling a bundle of sharp pointed slivers of pine wood. He had heard of this unpleasant method of persuasion, in which the splinters were forced underneath the toenails and set alight. He shuddered, and at the same moment an idea flashed into his brain: he would write a note to Walters, and somehow convey in the wording the news of his terrible position. "Very well, I'll write," he said quickly.

They brought him pen, ink and paper . . . his own headed notepaper . . . and he wrote: "Dear Arthur,—Please send back those mice at once by bearer of this. There has been a mistake and I must have them to-night. Yours, S. O. Stancliff." He thought the "S.O.S." would mean something to the observant police mind.

In less than an hour the youth was back with a parcel; the Cantonese unwrapped it, tossed the enclosed note on one side, and put the mice in his pocket. Then, after more profuse apologies, he gave the two ruffians orders to take Stancliff home again.

As Stancliff threw the kimono on the foot of his bed, a paper fell from its pocket. He picked it up and discovered it was Walters' reply that had been enclosed in the parcel with the mice, and inside it was a twenty-dollar note.

He read: "Dear Sammy,—What's the great idea of disturbing me in the middle of the night with a request for your infernal mice? And why the comic S.O.S.? You're quite right, there has been a mistake, the mice have nothing to do with the 'Tikkus' gang, and if you hadn't been too excited to explain that you'd got them from old Tok Swee I could have told you what they were at once. Tok is the proprietor of the Cantonese Club, and those slips carry the winning numbers of their annual lottery. You'd better return them to him at once, or there'll be the devil to pay. Take more soda with it. Yours, Arthur."

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

FIRE-GUARDS GASSED

WIFE'S VISIT REVEALS ACCIDENT

As her husband had not returned home to breakfast at the usual hour after fire-watching one morning recently, a Ramsgate woman visited the fire-guard post and found the three occupants suffering from the effects of coal gas.

On fire-guard duty at the A & B Garages post, Grange-road, were Frederick George Martin, aged 47, of 138 Grange-road, John Ernest Carpenter, aged 59, of Bloomsbury-road, and Leslie Edward Hope, aged 16, of 42 Upper Dumpton Park-road.

A gas fire in the room had been burning during the evening but had been turned off. At 5 a.m. Martin got up, put away his bed and after telling Carpenter that he felt unwell, flopped into a chair.

Neither of the men remembered anything else until they heard Mrs. Martin shouting and knocking at the door two hours later.

When the men left the room they both felt dizzy and returning, found Hope in bed, unconscious.

Four members of the Civil Defence first aid party on the premises, Messrs. Ansell, Duncan, Compton and Coltham, were called and their promptitude in applying artificial respiration probably saved Hope's life. Hope was taken to hospital, where oxygen was administered and he remained there for two days.

As an examination revealed no leakage of gas which could have accounted for the condition of the fire-guards, it is thought the gas must have been turned on accidentally and then turned off.

THE BEST IN ENGLAND

GRILLER QUARTET AT RAMSGATE

At the fourth C.E.M.A. concert given at the Congregational Hall, Ramsgate, on Thursday, Miss Sybil Eaton, the district organiser and popular violinist, told the audience in one of her delightful little speeches that "this was the best she could do for Ramsgate." Ramsgate wanted chamber music, so she became Father Christmas and produced a seasonable gift in the shape of the best quartet in England.

The crowded hall certainly seemed to appreciate the honour paid the town by the Griller quartet, who gave up engagements to come here, the only place in Thanet they will visit, to crowd our memories with unforgettable music.

The Griller quartet, composed of Sidney Griller, 1st violin, Jack O'Brien, 2nd violin, Philip Burton, viola, and Colin Hampton, 'cello, chose a very varied programme. Haydn's quartet in D major, elegant, vigorous, charming, Schubert's quartet in A minor, romantic, melodic, tuneful, and lastly, leaving behind the 18th century, the more contemporary Czech composer Dvorak (he died only in 1904), whose life in America brought him in contact with negro music. He became so keen on it that he made great use of the tunes he had annotated in his well-known New World Symphony and in his quartet in F major (the Nigger), which the Griller quartet played with such accomplished art that it left one breathless.

It would be impossible to praise each player individually, as their "oneness" is just the quality which makes them unique. It is not so much that they are a quartet with four personalities, but the cumulative total of four personalities into one quartet. It was a very remarkable experience to hear them in the flesh, all four in Air Force uniform. Although their reputation is international and their broadcasting and records have made their name a household word, the personal magnetic contact between the players and the audience enhanced the keen enjoyment of their playing. If one had the difficult task of choosing which particular moment of the concert was the most entrancing, it would perhaps be the slow movement of the Haydn, the second movement of the Schubert and the exciting last movement of Dvorak.

Miss K. Perry, who was primarily the instigator of C.E.M.A. concerts in Ramsgate, thanked Miss Eaton for having been instrumental in bringing about such a musical miracle, and she added "such lovely music will float about here for a long time."

Miss Eaton announced that there would be no C.E.M.A. concert in January and that we should have to wait until February for the next one, when she would endeavour "to give us something good."

JOHNSON—SAVAGE

WEDDING AT SOUTHSEA

The wedding took place at St. Margaret's Church, Southsea, Hants, recently, between Miss Ivy Edith May Savage, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. H. Savage, of 16 Highland-road, Southsea, and formerly of 20 Richmond-road, Ramsgate, and Cpl. Douglas H. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Johnson, of Eyton, Wrexham, North Wales.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Henry Savage, looked charming in a dress of ivory satin, with veil and headdress, and carried a bouquet of red carnations and white chrysanthemums.

Her two bridesmaids, Miss Pearl Bird, cousin of the bride, and Miss Mona Johnson, sister of the bridegroom, wore dresses of pink and green taffeta, with headdresses to match, and carried bouquets of pink chrysanthemums.

The duties of best man were carried out by Sgt. Raymond Johnson, R.A.F., brother of the bridegroom.

The honeymoon is being spent at Bournemouth.

The Doctor Says—

BAD LIGHT CAN CAUSE BAD SIGHT

The most important thing in avoiding eye strain is adequate lighting. To comply with the black-out regulations and as an economy, lighting has been everywhere reduced during the war.

This is a false economy if it ruins eye-sight or reduces output. In some occupations, attention to proper lighting has increased output by as much as 25 per cent.

So review the lighting in your home or at your work and, while cutting out unnecessary lights, make sure that those remaining are sufficiently powerful and in the best positions for their purpose. If the lighting is too bright or badly shaded, you will suffer from "glare," which is almost as bad as insufficient light.

Remember that a lot of light is wasted by dirty bulbs and shades, so clean these regularly. Remember, too, that clean white or light-coloured walls and ceilings reflect light better than dark or dirty surfaces and these improve the lighting without increasing the cost, either in money or in fuel.

BUS NEWS No. 4

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CHILDREN REMAIN CALM

The roof of a church was damaged by machine-gun bullets when enemy aircraft attacked a south-east coast town last week.

In a nearby hall children were presenting a concert but their entertainment was uninterrupted and at the close of the show they were complimented on the calmness they displayed during the machine-gunning.

RAMSGATE SAVINGS

The latest complete monthly figures to hand show the King's Theatre topping the ladder. With the help of one large contribution this group increased its figures by 841 per cent.

The runner-up is the Crescent-road group, with an increase of 586 per cent., and third comes the Victoria-road group, whose savings are 236 per cent. up.

Twenty-four other groups show increases, though in most cases the membership remains the same. Two notable exceptions are the Food Office, which has increased its membership by nine, and St. Luke's School, which has done even better by bringing in 21 new members, making a total of 99.

All group secretaries should by now have received a letter from the joint secretaries explaining the winter campaign in which they are asked to try to increase their savings for the six months ended 31st March next by at least 20 per cent. over the previous six months. It is reliably reported that some secretaries have already complained that such a target is too low and they intend to do much better. Good luck to them.

The list accompanying the letter shows interesting figures of what was saved during the half-year ended September, though in reading it down it has to be borne in mind that the groups vary enormously in size and a simple comparison is hardly fair to the smaller groups, who often make up in enthusiasm and regularity of savings what they lack in membership.

All the same, it is worth noting that the fire services top the list with over £634 and the borough police come second with £511, closely followed by the casualty services at £465. Altogether 30 groups reached the three-figure mark. Many more will do so during the present six months if they achieve the 20 per cent. increase.

ABOUT TURN

MR. GRUMMANT NOT COMING BACK

It is understood that as a result of a meeting of the Civil Defence Committee of Ramsgate Town Council on Tuesday Mr. A. T. Grummant is not, after all, to return to his post as Chief Warden in a voluntary capacity, and the town will lose the benefit of his services.

A few weeks ago Mr. Grummant resigned his paid appointment as Chief Warden but it was later stated that he was approached with the object of resuming his position and agreed to do so in a voluntary capacity only.

The matter was considered at Tuesday's meeting of the Civil Defence Committee and as a result of some of the views expressed the invitation to Mr. Grummant to return was withdrawn.

RAMSGATE'S £12,700 SAVED

Ramsgate's contribution to the national savings movement for the week ended 5th December amounted to the big sum of £12,728.

The total was made up of £10,000 in 2½ per cent. war bonds, £1,375 deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank, £718 in savings certificates, £500 in 3 per cent. savings bonds and £135 in defence bonds.

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"DADDY" KEELER

VETERAN SOLDIER PASSES

Buffs who served with the 1st/4th Batt. of the regiment during the last war will learn with regret of the recent death at Canterbury of Maj. E. H. Keeler. He passed away in Kent and Canterbury Hospital at the age of 72.

Affectionately known as "Daddy" Keeler, his association with The Buffs extended over a period of more than 50 years. Joining the regiment at the age of 18 years, he continued his career until retiring in 1928, although his interest in the service was maintained for many years afterwards.

As honorary secretary of the 1st/4th Buffs O.C.A., he was responsible for arranging the annual reunions.

In his early years "Daddy" served in India, Burma and Aden, taking part in the Mahmund Valley and Tanga Pass expeditions on the N.W. Frontier, 1897-98. He gained his nickname for the way in which, as quartermaster, he looked after the 1st Batt. in the East. Maj. Keeler held the 1895 India Medal, the 1914-15 Star and other war decorations, the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and the Territorial Decoration.

BUFFS CASUALTIES

The latest War Office list includes the following Buffs casualties:

Wounded—T/Lt.-Col. J. G. N[illegible]son, Lt. D. A. T. Butcher, 2nd-Lts. H. R. Nevshehir and L. E. Palmer.

Died—Ptes. A. Harmer, A. [illegible] Howells and A. West.

Killed—Sgts. A. E. Parish, M.M., and F. W. Sims, Cpls. W. R. [illegible]man and C. J. Martin, A/Cpl. A. G. Pointer, L/Cpl. H. Braund, Ptes. L. G. Crampton and F. C. Flello.

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PRISONER OF WAR WEEK AT BROADSTAIRS

It is expected that the events held in Broadstairs during the week devoted to the Red Cross and St. John Prisoner of War Organisation will show a profit for the funds in the region of £400.

A shop was opened in the town for the reception of gifts and 500 lots were sold by auction at the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion. The auctioneers were Messrs. B. J. Pearson, H. Smith and A. G. Hiscoke and the articles they put under the hammer included toys, dolls, games, furniture, china, glassware, gramophones and a walnut cabinet radiogram. A small live pig was knocked down for 35s. The auction realised over £140.

Two concerts, one by the pupils of Haddon Dene School and the other arranged by the Brighter Broadstairs League, were held at the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion and there were whist drives in various parts of the town.

LAUGHS AND THRILLS

DOUBLE FEATURES AT ODEON

Two double-feature programmes are being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

Contrasting films to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow are Charlie Chaplin in "The Gold Rush" and Judy Canova and Jerry Colonna in "True to the Army." Commonly in Chaplin's pictures he does not get the girl. "The Gold Rush" is the exception. After suffering the rigours of cold, hunger and hardship during the famous gold rush days, Charlie gets the girl. Not only that, but he ends up a multi-millionaire. The second picture is a riot of Colonna quips and Canova clowning. Judy, a tight-rope walker, has to hide from gangsters because she happened to see them kill a man. Jerry decides she must cut her hair, put on uniform and become one of the boys.

Bruce Bennett and Ula Holt star in "The New Adventures of Tarzan," which, together with Lucan and McShane in "Old Mother Riley's Legacy," is being shown for the latter part of the week. It is while searching for Lt. d'Arnot, lost in the wilds of Central America, that Tarzan meets with his latest adventures. In the second picture Old Mother Riley and her daughter Kitty become the chief movers in events caused by the strange terms of a wealthy manufacturer's will, under which they leave their home in the slums and begin a new life of ease in the heart of Mayfair. The experience of having servants to wait on them and dressing for meals naturally affords every opportunity for Old Mother Riley's original humour to be fully exploited.

TRUTH IS NOT ENOUGH

Lord Kelvin, who more than most men knew what he was talking about, said that you never get to know about anything until you measure it. Certainly, you have no very realiable means of knowing how much "Cowslip" gives unless you weigh it. If you milk her yourself day in day out, you may have a fairly shrewd idea: but that does not help you much when you sell her. Inevitably the prospective buyer asks: "How much milk does she give?" You reply: "To tell the truth, I can't say for certain, I never weighed it. But she's very good natured and gives all she can." Then, with a sinking feeling, you realise that nowadays truth is not enough: you must produce figures.

The Milk Marketing Board are very good at figures, and will do most of them for you. From January next the Board by arrangement with the Central Council of Milk Recording Societies and the Ministry of Agriculture, will take over the running of the existing milk recording scheme, rechristened "National Milk Records Scheme A," and will launch a supplementary simple scheme called "National Milk Records Scheme B," or "Junior Scheme." In the simplified scheme, weighing will be once monthly.

The purpose of milk recording is, of course, to increase yields and effect economies in production. Every farmer knows there are good and bad milkers, differing little in cost for keep and attendance, yet varying in milk yield from 400 to 1,000 gallons in a lactation period. Economy in production is first attained by selecting the right animals—those giving a high yield and of sound constitution. The lowest yielders should be eliminated as quickly as possible. First, however, they must be identified. Some cows give a large daily yield only for a short period after calving, others a moderate yield over a long period. The records provide exact figures, thus showing which cows must go and which should be kept.

JOURNALIST COMMENDED

EFFORT TO SAVE SEAMAN'S LIFE

Mr. Peter Kinlan, of Tyson-avenue, Margate, a member of the editorial staff of the ADVERTISER & ECHO until the outbreak of war, who is serving as an engineer in an Admiralty launch, has been commended, together with a naval officer, for his efforts to rescue a sailor who fell overboard.

A special Order of the Day, issued recently by the Commander in Chief, Nore Command, stated that when a seaman fell overboard from one of H.M. ships into a strong flood tide, Temp.-Lt. A. F. Turner, R.N.R., and Eng. P. N. Kinlan dived in immediately and endeavoured to rescue him but their efforts, unfortunately, were unsuccessful as the man had disappeared from view before he could be reached.

The Order continued: "I commend to all in the Nore Command the courage, promptitude and presence of mind shown by the above-mentioned officer and man."

THE GAY SISTERS

SPENCER TRACY AT KING'S

"The Gay Sisters," which the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, presents to-day and to-morrow, is more dramatic than it sounds.

In it are seen Barbara Stanwyck, Geraldine Fitzgerald and Nancy Coleman as three wealthy sisters who live in a spacious home that is daily seeping into a greater stage of decay and who are obviously trying to keep dark some closely guarded secret of the past. Theoretically they are worth a fortune but in reality they are up to their necks in debt. Important parts are played by George Brent, Donald Crisp and Gene Lockhart.

For the last half of the week a famous novel by John Steinbeck is brought to the screen in "Tortilla Flat." The background of the picture, which stars Spencer Tracy, Hedy Lamarr and John Garfield, is life in the paisano shacks of California. The paisano—pronounced "pie-sano"—of Monterey, is a descendant of the early California-Spanish families and is not American at all in the way he lives and thinks. Under the pine trees the paisanos live a happy, contented life devoid of the comforts of civilisation. The supporting film, "Pathetone Parade 1942," commentated by Roy Rich, the popular B.B.C. personality, presents 12 great acts, including the Two Leslies, Foden's Prize Band, Arthur Prince and Jim, Jeanne de Casalis and Robb Wilton.

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MANY ESCAPES

BOY'S AMAZING CAREER OF CRIME

Pitting Himself Against the Law

An amazing document detailing a 16-year-old boy's career of crime and his seven escapes from a remand home and schools was read by a police officer at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday.

Pleading guilty to escaping from St. Benedict's Approved School, Mortimer, near Reading, on 10th October, the boy was committed to a Borstal institution for a period of two years. He had been sent to the school by order of the magistrates on 24th September.

The statement read by D/S Fortescue showed that that the boy had admitted numerous cases of house and shopbreaking and he was described as "cunning, deceitful and a clever liar."

Among other boys at a remand home he was regarded as a hero and he was responsible for three of them escaping with him. His career of crime began in January last and since that time he has been before the court on several occasions in connection with various offences, mainly of larceny, while at one sitting he appeared for being drunk and disorderly.

At the start of the case D/S Fortescue gave formal evidence of seeing the boy at Ramsgate police station on 22nd October and telling him he had been reported for escaping from the approved school on 10th October. He replied "Is that the day."

Brother Theodore, an officer of the school, said the boy was admitted on 2nd October and absconded two days later. On 6th October witness came to Ramsgate and took the lad back to the school but he escaped again on 10th October. Witness was instructed by the school managers to say that in their opinion it was not desirable for the boy to return there.

Broken Promise.

Raymond Frederick Johnson, superintendent of the boys' remand home at Harrietsham, gave evidence of the four escapes which the boy made from there. During his first period at the school he was a good worker, particularly in the garden, and his behaviour was satisfactory. Witness then formed the opinion that he would become amenable to discipline.

When the boy was again received on remand on 8th September, however, he noticed a considerable deterioration in his character. He seemed unable to settle down to the routine work of the home and made his second escape on 14th September. After being brought back he was remonstrated with and promised he would not run away again. He was locked in his dormitory and shortly afterwards the lock of the door was found to be forced and the boy was missing. He was caught by the police at Charing. After his fourth escape from the home it was discovered that 36s. had been stolen from a bedroom.

The Probation Officer (Mr. B. K. Hemsley) said the boy at first appeared to be fairly amenable until later in the year when he appeared before the magistrates on a charge of stealing from a gas meter. "During my talks with him," said Mr. Hemsley, "he appeared to have very little understanding of the world in general. He is very immature for his years ... I feel that the only thing for him is to be sent to an institution. He is quite uncontrollable. I do not think the influence of his home has been strong enough for him to have built up a character for anyone to work on. It seems to have the opinion that he is the only person who can manage his own affairs."

Early Years.

D/S Fortescue then read the statement outlining the boy's escapes during the past 12 months.

He told the magistrates that the boy was born at Easington, County Durham, but in 1932 his family moved to Upstreet and in 1934 took up residence in Ramsgate. With his school he was evacuated to Stafford shire in 1940 but he remained there for only two months before returning to Ramsgate with his parents.

He obtained employment as an errand boy with a greengrocer, where he remained for about six months and left on his own accord after giving satisfaction. For two months he was in a similar situation with another firm but was discharged for dishonesty. After that he worked as a farm hand for about six months but was dismissed through inefficiency and bad time keeping. Since then he had obtained several situations as a casual labourer.

Continuing, D/S Fortescue said the boy was summoned to appear before Stafford juvenile court on 8th January, 1942, for larceny of a pedal cycle and was bound over for three years. He next appeared before Ramsgate juvenile court on 26th May for larceny from a gas meter and was remanded in custody until 9th June, being sent to the boys' remand home at Harrietsham. The following day he absconded from the home with three other boys but was re-captured by the police at Charing and returned to the home the same day.

Career of Crime.

The case was then adjourned from time to time until 28th July, when he was finally dealt with and on that occasion requested that 16 other offences of simple larceny be taken into consideration. He was again bound over for two years and placed under the supervision of the Probation Officer. A condition was made that he resided at Stanley House, Stonebridge Park, London, and he was conveyed to this home a day or so later, but on 27th July, the day after his admission, he absconded and returned to Ramsgate where he embarked on a career of crime.

The boy next came under the notice of the police on 1st September, when he was reported for larceny from a gas meter. A summons was issued for his appearance before the juvenile court on 8th September and on 7th September, the day previous, he was charged with being drunk and disorderly. The following morning he was brought before the magistrates on this charge, in addition to the larceny charge. He was again remanded in custody until 21st September and was sent to the boys' remand home at Harrietsham. On 14th September he again escaped from the home, to which he was returned after recapture at Ramsgate. The following day he again absconded from the home, was recaptured at Charing and returned to the home the same day.

Drunk and Disorderly.

On 21st September he was further charged with one case of housebreaking and one of shopbreaking, but in view of the fact that he was committed to an approved school on the charge of being drunk and disorderly, these cases and the original larceny offence were not proceeded with and it was not possible to mention three cases of housebreaking, four of storebreaking, three of housebreaking with intent, two of storebreaking with intent and eight of larceny which the boy had admitted and asked to be taken into consideration.

Pending his removal to an approved school, the boy was sent to the remand home at Harrietsham but absconded the following day. After being recaptured at Ramsgate on 24th September he was again brought before the juvenile court and an application made for him to be committed to a prison, as he was of such an unruly character that he could not safely be detained in a remand home. He was committed to Maidstone prison until a vacancy occurred at an approved school.

On 2nd October he was removed to St. Benedict's Approved School, Mortimer, near Reading, but two days after his admission absconded. He was re-captured at his home the following day and returned to the home on 6th October. During his confinement at the police station awaiting an escort he damaged several books and broke the leg off a stool, which he secured to his leg with a handkerchief. This was only found by the boy being searched prior to his return to the home. He again absconded on 10th October and was at large until arrested for the offence with which he was first charged.

An Expert.

The boy had admitted three cases of housebreaking, one case of storebreaking, one of housebreaking with intent, one of storebreaking with intent and one of larceny since his escape from the home on 10th October, and one case of housebreaking, three of storebreaking, one of housebreaking with intent and six of larceny prior to being sent to an approved school. He requested that these should be taken into consideration.

"This youth in his early exploits," said D/S Fortescue, "mainly concentrated on forcing gas and electric light meters in empty and unoccupied houses and is without doubt an expert at this type of offence, but as he has gained experience he has become more daring ... I would describe this youth as cunning, deceitful and a clever liar."

After D/S Fortescue had stated that the boy had developed skilful methods of gaining entry into places, the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) said it would not be advisable to divulge what they were.

It was stated that the boy spent the money he obtained solely on his own pleasure and mainly on drink, cigarettes and pictures. "He is a heavy smoker of cigarettes," said D/S Fortescue, who produced a letter from the governor of Maidstone prison recommending the boy as a fit subject for Borstal training.

D/S Fortescue said the boy had been associating with other lads but there was nothing to prove that they had been concerned in the offences.

A Bad Influence.

The Chief Constable: As a matter of fact, isn't it likely that this boy's influence on other boys would be very bad? He has been looked upon as a hero among other boys and has been responsible for them escaping with him?

—Yes, sir.

The Chief Constable: He thinks he can defy the authorities and get away with it but I think he will find the law is much stronger than the individual.

Asked if she wished to say anything on her son's behalf, the mother said he had always been particularly good to her but he had changed very much since last January.

Addressing the boy, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said: You are here on a great number of very serious charges. When you came before me in the first instance I had a fatherly talk with you and you promised to turn over a new leaf. I went away from the court feeling that you would keep your promise. Everything has been done for you to try and keep you straight.

"It seems that the longer you live the worse you get and the only thing we can do now is to commit you to a Borstal institution for two years and until that institution can take you you will be remanded in custody at Maidstone. You will find that you cannot beat the law. It is up to you in those two years to make up your mind to turn right about face. You don't want to end in penal servitude, do you? But that is where you will get eventually. You have the opportunity of turning right about face and you must seriously consider your situation. It is no good you going against the law. You will find it doesn't pay. Surely you have some sense of right and wrong."

When she heard the magistrates decision the boy's mother broke down in tears and had to be assisted from the court.

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25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

A few passers-by who were privileged to watch an inspection of troops in a field on the south-east coast on Thursday enjoyed a thrilling and unexpected scene. At an early hour every man in the large training centre was alert and ready for the inspection by Field Marshal Lord French, with a number of the members of his staff, who stayed overnight in a small town, once a famous seaside resort.

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The world-stirring epoch in the history of the war, the retreat of the Turks from Jerusalem before the beleaguering force of the British, was fittingly marked at Ramsgate on Tuesday by the ringing of bells at the parish church prior to the morning service.

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One of three soldier brothers, Pte. H. Blackie, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Blackie, of High-street, Ramsgate, has been killed in action in France. He had been in the Army nearly two years, serving with the Queen's, and was 20 years of age.

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Mr. Henry Terry, of Southwood-road, Ramsgate, has been co-opted as a member of Ramsgate Town Council. For many years he has been engaged in farming.

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News was received at Ramsgate yesterday that Pte. J. J. Perkins, The Buffs, of King-street, was wounded in the recent fighting before Cambrai. Before the war he played football for Ramsgate Town and was proprietor of a greengrocery business until 1914.

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For gallantry in the field at Aden, Capt. L. Mourant Handley, of the Light Cavalry Forces, has been awarded the Military Cross. He is a son of Mrs. Handley and the late Col. Handley, of Southwood-road, Ramsgate.

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L/Cpl. G. Else, Machine-Gun Corps, of Ramsgate, is reported to have died in hospital from wounds received in action. He had gained the Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty at Ypres.

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Pte. George Butcher, husband of Mrs. Butcher, of 3, Belvedere-road, Broadstairs, is reported to be wounded and missing. He enlisted in The Buffs last year and went on active service shortly afterwards.

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Tpr. W. T. Castle, of King Edward's Horse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Castle, of the King's Arms, King-street, Ramsgate, writes that he has been receiving from time to time contracted in France. In football and rinking circles he was a prominent figure before the war.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE

The negotiations between Ramsgate Corporation and the Board of Trade in connection with the site of the Harbour Master's house have now been satisfactorily concluded, thanks to the tact and energy of Mr. Hammond, chairman of the Town Improvement Committee. It will be within the recollection of many that it was originally intended to place the house in the Pier Yard to the right of the obelisk. There was, however, a grave objection to this site as it would have obstructed a clear view of the Harbour from the new road. The Board of Trade then consented to the site being transferred to the stone yard but this would have been a blot on the scheme and greatly detrimental to the owners of property in Kent-street, who petitioned the Board of Trade. Mr. Hammond accordingly interviewed the Board of Trade and submitted a plan of a plot on the east side of West Cliff-mansions, and this scheme has been approved.

BAKERS' DINNER

There was a good attendance at the annual dinner of the Ramsgate journeymen bakers at the George and Dragon on Saturday. Mr. Paramour occupied the chair. An excellent repast was served after which Mr. F. Ede proposed the health of the visitors, coupled with the names of Mr. Tucker, Broadstairs, and Mr. Munnard, Margate, who replied. The chairman gave "The Millers," coupled with the name of Mr. Pain, of Chitty and Co., Dover, whose health was drunk with musical honours. The most pleasing feature of the proceedings was the presentation to Mr. Newton on behalf of the bakers of the town of a handsome malacca cane as a token of respect and esteem.

POST EARLY

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS IN THANET

This Christmas the strain on the Post Office will be more severe because the department has lost still more of its trained staff for service with the forces and the reserves of labour, transport and accommodation which would normally be available have been depleted in the interests of the national war effort. Nevertheless it is confidently expected that the restrictions already imposed on supplies of paper and the food and clothes rationing, combined with the good sense of the public, will so reduce the traffic this season that the Post Office will be able to deal with it without recourse to labour which is required for work of national importance.

The Postmaster General earnestly appeals to the public to assist the Post Office by posting their Christmas parcels, packets and corre-spondence as early as possible this year and by withholding from the post during the period 18th-24th December any that can be kept back until afterwards. To ensure delivery by Christmas Day all classes of mail should be posted a clear week before Christmas and postings should be completed, at the latest, by Saturday, 19th December.

Correspondence for local delivery in the Isle of Thanet may be posted somewhat later than suggested above, but not later than 23rd December.

On Christmas Day there will be one delivery of letters and parcels. No despatches will be made. Counter business will be transacted at Ramsgate head office and Broadstairs branch office only. The hours of attendance will be 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. All callboxes will be cleared.

There will be no delivery of letters or parcels on Boxing Day. Collections will be made from the head and all town posting boxes in Ramsgate and Broadstairs at the usual bank Holiday times and there will be a general night mail despatch. The public counter at Ramsgate head office will be open from 9 a.m. until noon and at Broadstairs branch office from 9 a.m. until 10.30 a.m.

On Sunday, 27th December, there will be a delivery of letters and parcels.

Greeting telegrams for delivery on Christmas Day may be handed in from now onwards until 23rd December.

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RAMSGATE

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For the Red Cross.—Over £14 has been sent to the Red Cross Fund from the Ramsgate Working Men's Club. Whist drives are held every evening at 7.15 at club headquarters, Chatham-place.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

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Holy Trinity Sale.—The sum of £42 5s. 6d. towards church expenses was raised as a result of a sale of work held by the parishioners of Holy Trinity, Ramsgate, at the parish hall last week. The sale was opened by Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn.

P.o.W. Week Dance.—Over a hundred people attended a dance in aid of the National Prisoners of War Week held at St. George's Parish Hall, Ramsgate. Music was supplied by the N.F.S. band, prizes were awarded for competitions and novelty dances, and the effort realised £3 for the fund.

Sudden Death.—Mrs. Mary Ann Burnell, aged 55, passed away suddenly at her home, 50 Upper Dumpton Park-road, Ramsgate, on Wednesday morning. Dr. J. G. Morgan was summoned but on arrival found that Mrs. Burnell had passed away. The circumstances were reported to the Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) but as death was due to natural causes an inquest was not considered necessary.

An Ensa Show.—Surprise guest artistes will appear in the show to be presented by the Mayor of Ramsgate's Troopers Concert Party at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, to-morrow. The concert, which has been arranged by E.N.S.A., commences at 7.30 p.m., and tickets, price 2s. and 1s. (reserved) and 6d. (unreserved), are obtainable at the West Cliff Theatre or from the Mayor's secretary at Clarendon House.

COUNCIL OF READERS

SHARING THE BURDEN

Sir,—May I be permitted to congratulate Broadstairs Council on their bold decision not to increase the wages of four temporary clerks.

We are living in days when everybody is expected to do something for nothing—and other ratepayers have to bear and meet the increased cost of living common to us all. The patriotic spirit would have been better displayed had the four clerks remained silent and met the increase in cost of living as those not employed by a council do.

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MARGATE

Mrs. Churchill's Thanks.—A letter from Mrs. Churchill complimenting her and her helpers on Margate's response to the Aid for Russia Fund has been received by Mrs. Woolf, who organised a sale and whist drive in aid of the fund with the assistance of Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Coles. In her letter Mrs. Churchill says "I send you and your helpers, and to all who contributed, my grateful thanks for the wonderful donation of £100 which you raised by your sale and whist drive and my warm appreciation of the generous help you have given to aid the suffering people of Russia."

COUNCILLOR TWIGGER'S RETURN

Ramsgate Town Council will benefit by the return to the town of one of its members, Councillor G. W. Twigger, whose work in Canterbury has necessitated him living away from the town for some time past.

Councillor Twigger is associated with the Ministry of Fuel and Power and as certain offices are being opened in Ramsgate he will be returning to his former home to live.

RAMSGATE TEACHERS

ELECT NEW PRESIDENT

Miss McCaig was elected president in succession to Mr. J. Westwood at the annual meeting of Ramsgate Teachers' Association, held at St. George's Schools.

Miss E. M. Dexter presided, in the absence of Mr. Westwood.

Mr. H. E. Wright, joint organising secretary to the Ramsgate Savings Association, paid tribute to the work being done in the schools and asked for the support of the teachers in the forthcoming "Wings for Victory" Week.

A warm welcome was extended to Miss McCaig, Mr. Hayward and Mr. Lang, who were representing their colleagues still in the reception area, and to Mr. W. E. Copping, who had just returned to the town after a long illness.

Installing Miss McCaig as president, Miss Dexter expressed the hope that before her year of office expired she would be able to return to her home and many friends in Ramsgate.

Miss Ravensdale presented the new president with a bouquet.

During the course of a short address Miss McCaig spoke of her deep concern for the children who were leaving school during these uncertain times, and added the hope that the much discussed reforms in our present system of education would not be unduly delayed.

The financial position of the association was reviewed by the treasurer, Mr. Copping.

The hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Hearnden, briefly referred to the outstanding events of the past year, with special reference to the many extraneous duties voluntarily assumed by teachers as their contribution to the war effort, mentioning in particular the work that had been done in connection with midday meals for school-children.

Miss Geary presented a report on the Benevolent and Orphan Fund.

Officers were elected as follows: vice-president, Mr. P. Stanley; treasurer, Mr. Copping; secretary, Mr. Hearnden; delegates to county association, Messrs. Stanley and Hearnden; delegate to conference, Mr. Hearnden; committee, Misses Bates, Clement, Holt, Armstrong, Messrs. Hayward, Hartley, Pinder, Robinson, Willson and Tombs.

BROADSTAIRS

Penny-a-Week.—Collections for the Red Cross penny-weekly fund in Broadstairs and St. Peter's during November amounted to £36 5s. 3d.

National Savings.—A total of £1,113 was invested in national savings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's during the week ended 5th December. The sum comprised savings certificates £375, defence bonds £350, and deposits in the Post Office savings bank £388.

Old Comrades' Whist.—Prizes at the weekly whist drive held by the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association at the Clarendon Hotel were won by Mrs. Smith, L/Cpl. Yates, Ptes. Johnson, Cook, McLeoch, Smith and Towney. Mr. W. Lawrence was M.C.

Bible Society Meeting.—Until recently Bishop of Singapore, the Very Rev. B. C. Roberts addressed a meeting of the Broadstairs auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society at the Baptist Schoolroom, Queen's-road, last week. The chair was taken by the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) and a financial statement was presented by the treasurer (the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie), while the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith (priest-in-charge of St. Peter's) offered the opening prayer and read from the scriptures. A collection in aid of the society's funds realised £8 5s.

Good Templary.—A general knowledge test arranged by Mrs. O. E. Fennell and conducted by Mrs. L. A. Ware was a feature of the weekly meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., held at the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday. Mr. T. E. McCabe, C.T., presided, and Mrs. Ware, reporting on the meetings of the Diamond Jubilee Juvenile Temple, said a talk on Gibraltar by a visitor created considerable interest among the young people. Messages and greetings were received from Mrs. Young, Mrs. Coleman, Gnr. R. H. Whiteley, Pte. Pointer and Pte. Baker.

MISUSE OF TYRES

In view of the urgent necessity for conserving rubber supplies (about 70 per cent. of which is used in the manufacture of tyres), the Minister of War Transport has made an Order to be known as "The Motor Vehicles (Restriction of Use) (No. 2) Order, 1942," which will come into force on 1st January, 1943.

This Order makes it an offence to use a motor vehicle or trailer on a road when the fabric of a tyre is showing through the tread.

If a tyre is handed to an authorised tyre depot before the fabric shows it can usually be retreaded and the equivalent of a new tyre produced using less than 50 per cent. of the crude rubber necessary to manufacture a new tyre. If, however, a tyre is used after the fabric is visible it is beyond repair—it can never be retreaded and is ruined for further use.

Any offence under the Order may be punishable, on summary conviction, by imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or by a fine not exceeding £100 or both.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN AND WOMEN

"Old Ruymian Notes," which have just been published, contain a wealth of information about old boys of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, who are serving their country in all parts of the world. The activities of the Whiteing family claim much space and we learn that C.L.G., who was well-known at the school as a runner, was a member of a unit which was among the first to leave the Union of South Africa for Kenya in August, 1940. Later they went through Italian Somaliland into Abyssinia and eventually into Egypt, where they were posted to the desert. Working before the war for an insurance company, he originally signed on for service with the Cape Field Artillery, which was later turned into an "ack-ack" unit. L.C.G., a runner like his brother, was with the Shell Company prior to the war and when his firm released him for service he joined the Mechanical Transport, being later transferred to a field ambulance unit.

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Of the two youngest of the brothers G.R.G. and H.F.G., the former unfortunately developed ear trouble about the time of the move to East Africa and was in the hands of an ear specialist for two months. Being unable to join his old unit in the field, he joined the Union Defence Force Institute, a sort of combination of Toc H and Y.M.C.A., and, returning to South Africa, he was posted to work in a supply depot. In peacetime, H.F.G. worked for local agents for German shipping lines, and he joined up in February, 1940. After travels in East Africa and Southern Abyssinia he is now in the desert.

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When he left Chatham House in 1926, N. E. Chapman went to the R.A.F. Training School at Halton, Bucks., and he is now an instructor. After his marriage last year he went to Canada and is now giving lectures at a training camp on the prairie. His elder brother, C. T. Chapman, who was with the Standard Cable and Telephone Co. before the war as an engineer-draughtsman, has now been made production-engineer at the same works.

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At a meeting organised by the Royal Army Pay Corps, Sgt. T. R. R. Jones, now in the R.A.F. Regiment, won a cup for the 880 yards. As a member of the Royal Air Force he has recently been on an instructor's course, described as one of the toughest in the South of England. Sgt. Jones was on leave in Ramsgate last week.

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E. R. Solly is finding life very pleasant in Iran, where he was posted after service in the desert. He has met C. E. H. Barrows and the two swopped reminiscences of the old Clarendon House and Eastfield days and the Gilbert and Sullivan performances at the Palace Theatre, Ramsgate.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces—so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

H. J. H. Richards was sitting outside his tank in the desert one day when a familiar figure roared up on an old Italian motor cycle—it was L. M. Manson who, according to Richards, hadn't changed a bit in figure or manner, although he spoke with a rather marked South African accent.

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A. G. Davies is believed to be the first O.R. to be serving in submarines. He has now been on this work for a year, having begun his service in the Eastern Mediterranean. He has been with one of the most famous of the submarine flotillas, was in the Tetrach, since lost, and later was navigating officer of the Thrasher. Now in this country, he is awaiting promotion to first lieutenant.

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Training in Canada, H. G. Jones has successfully completed his course as a Fleet Air Arm pilot. While on seven days' leave he went to Ottawa and heard the Conscription Bill debated in the Senate Chamber. Later he went to New York and was royally entertained.

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Lieut. Alan G. Daniels, of Broadstairs, another Old Ruymian, has been promoted to the rank of captain. He was formerly a member of the original Margate "ack-ack" battery and is now serving in a Scottish Regiment.

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Well known in Ramsgate, where he carried on business as a hairdresser in Hardres-street, Mr. F. W. Shoesmith left on Thursday for service in the Royal Air Force.

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Ramsgate Grenville F.C. supporters will be interested to hear that the club officials have received Christmas greetings from Cpl. Donoghue, their brilliant centre-forward in the last season of senior football. He will be long remembered as the leader of the Grenville's forward line when the club won the Kent Amateur Cup, scoring five of his side's seven goals in that final. Now he is participating in the grimmer game of warfare in West Africa. He wishes to be remembered to all his old team mates and members of the committee. The club much appreciates his remembrance of happy days with the team, and through the ADVERTISER & ECHO sincerely reciprocates his good wishes, with the hope that he may again lead the forward line when peace returns.

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Tpr. A. Brown, whose home is at 52 Margate-road, and his cousin, Acm. W. Sayer, of Dennis, Margate-road, were recently on leave in Ramsgate. Both are former members of the staff of the ADVERTISER & ECHO.

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In peace-time, Clifford George and his pal, Albert Austen, both Ramsgate lads, spent many happy days in the country sketching and painting. Now Clifford is a prisoner in Italy and Albert is at an R.A.F. station in England. Writing to his friend from his camp, Clifford says he gets a chance now and again between duties to do a little water-colour painting and wishes he could spend a holiday in the district after "the do"

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TO THE FALLEN

RAMSGATE MEMORIAL SERVICE

The names of Ramsgate men and women—soldiers, sailors, airmen, civil defence workers and civilians—who have lost their lives in this war were read at a memorial service at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Sunday.

The service, conducted by the Vicar (Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth) was attended by representatives of the three fighting services, police, civil defence, youth organisations, and most other movements in the town.

The words of the Exhortation, read after the singing of the National Anthem, were:

"We meet together to pay tribute to those whom we wish to honour; to express our sympathy with the homes and families in their sorrow, and to declare and strengthen our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life.

"To those whose faith rests in the Resurrection to eternal life, death is in very truth the gate through which we enter in fuller life, which is the complete answer to all that is hard to understand in man's pilgrimage here on earth.

"To-day we are commemorating those whose lives were not ended in the ordinary course of nature, but by the cruel stroke of a war which is the most terrible yet experienced by mankind. Knowing the heroism of our fighting men, how uncomplainingly they have taken up the burden laid upon their generation, we take comfort and hope from our Lord's words, 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'"

Strange Ideas of Death.

In his address the Vicar said it was extraordinary what strange ideas many people had about death. He wanted them that afternoon to think of the glorious adventure those who had passed over were enjoying for he firmly believed they were more present with them now than when they could see them and shake them by the hand.

He was sure most of them had mistaken ideas about death. The very words they used were unfortunate. They regarded those who had passed on as having gone from them. He was perfectly sure they were wrong. He did not believe for a moment there was the separation that many of them seemed to think. They had passed to a richer and fuller life.

Socrates, when asked where he would like to be buried, replied "Bury me where you like if you can find me." Cemeteries contained only the remains of bodies. They contained only the outward forms they had known. Frequently in cemeteries they read that someone had "fallen asleep." They were not asleep, but with them still. Their spirits were with the Lord.

Joyous Faith.

They spoke of the dead as "at rest." When the person was elderly they thought of it as rest from the turmoil of this life. But what of young people who were vigorous and active and had work to do? They had been cut short in their labours and energy and he believed they had passed into a larger and fuller world where their activity would be needed by the great Master Mind. As man was wanted to help God here on earth, he could not help but feel that he would also be wanted in the next world.

They talked of having "lost" someone. It was a cruel word. He liked to think of them as being met at the portal by those friends of theirs who had passed on. There would also be the older faces and, he believed, the Master himself. Did he not say "I will come and receive you"? The Church on earth was one with the Church in Heaven. He believed those who had passed on were watching the courage and fortitude of those remaining, and they must not fail them. It was not a sad faith, the Christian faith. It was joyous, and there was no separation in the realms above.

After the names of those who had made the supreme sacrifice had been read in front of the altar by the Vicar the Last Post and the Reveille were sounded by two trumpeters.

TACTICAL WITHDRAWAL

COLONEL HAD TO RETREAT

When Louis William Attwood, of Broadley-avenue, Birchington, appeared at Margate police court on Wednesday for driving without due care and attention it was stated that he overtook a Remembrance Sunday procession at Birchington, causing an officer who was taking the salute to step back to avoid the risk of being hit.

P/C Colyer, who was in the procession on 15th November, said he saw a small N.F.S. canteen overtake the procession on the offside of the road. It continued past the saluting base, causing the colonel who was taking the salute to step back two paces to avoid being hit.

When told that he would be reported, defendant expressed regret for what he had done but added that he was thinking of the men's dinners getting cold.

Announcing that the case would be dismissed, the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) said the bench were of the opinion that defendant was very indiscreet in attempting to pass the procession. It would have been much wiser for him to have waited.

Mr. G. T. Dray.—The funeral took place at Monkton Churchyard last week of Mr. George Thomas Dray, who passed away at the age of 83 at his home, the Old Post Office, Monkton. A wheelwright and carpenter by trade, Mr. Dray retired about ten years ago. Mr. Dray first came to Monkton in 1900, when he started his own business, but he left again in 1907, returning in 1926. For 50 years he was a Methodist local preacher. He leaves three daughters and six grandchildren. The interment was preceded by a service at Monkton Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev D. L. Williams.

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as there are some grand subjects and the vivid colours of the fields at times look artificial under the glaring sun. He passes other time away playing chess and is getting together a catalogue of some original designs for leaded lights which he hopes may be useful when he returns to England.

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Flt.-Sgt. C. Baker, Cpl. C. C. Walker and Ldg.-Cdt. R. Wotton, of the Thanet Squadron, A.T.C., have passed their proficiency examinations and have been accepted for training for air crew duties in the R.A.F.

LOOTING CHARGE

SOLDIERS SENT FOR TRIAL

Seven soldiers who were alleged to have been concerned in the theft and receipt of property from a Cliftonville boarding house appeared before the magistrates at Margate borough police court on Wednesday.

"We have had so much trouble of this nature that we must make an example," said the Chairman (Councillor F. J. Cornford), sentencing Sgt. Daniel Joseph Bradley, aged 32, to two months' imprisonment on a charge of receiving.

Sgt. Edward Lewin, aged 29, and Ptes. William Frederick Heath, 23, William Head, 20, Charles Matthews, 23, Richard Scorer, 28, and Cyril Ratcliffe, 30, were charged with stealing property belonging to Robert Ingram from 27-29 Harold-road, Cliftonville.

They were also charged with looting.

All six were committed for trial at Margate Quarter Sessions.

All the men had previously been stationed in Margate and were arrested at Brasted, near Sevenoaks, shortly after they had left the town. According to statements alleged to have been made by some of the men, a tea-chest was packed with cutlery, crockery and other articles from a boarding house at Cliftonville, which had been closed, and placed on a Bren gun carrier just before their unit left the town. After it had been recovered from their new billet a suitcase containing other articles was found in a heap of sawdust at the back of the billet and a haversack containing a clock and linen was found in a water-tank in a greenhouse.

The owner of the boarding house stated that a considerable quantity of property was missing and much of it had not been recovered.

In Disorder.

Lewin, Heath, Head, Matthews and Scorer first appeared in the dock and were charged with being concerned together in stealing a mantel clock, 44 coffee cups, 52 saucers, five fish forks, 12 fish knives, 10 dessert knives, 18 dinner knives, three eiderdowns and other articles to the value of £30. They were also charged with looting—entering premises in an area subject to enemy air attack with intent to steal.

Mr. Ingram said he was now living at Apsley End, Hemel Hempstead, having closed his boarding house in Harold-road in 1940 on account of war conditions. The premises were in order when he visited them in October last. The previous day (Tuesday) he went there and found the place in disorder. Drawers and cupboards had been ransacked and a considerable quantity of property was missing.

D/C Berkeley, K.C.C., stationed at Sevenoaks, said on 26th November he went to a military billet at Brasted after having recovered a tea-chest containing cutlery and crockery. He saw Scorer and told him he had reason to believe he had been concerned with others in stealing property at Margate.

In a statement Scorer said "On Sunday, just before dark, Sgt. Lewin, Pte. Head and I went to a house next to our billet. Somebody opened the door and we all three went in. I took some knives and forks, about a dozen of each, on the orders of Sgt. Lewin, and put them into a box. Sgt. Lewin and Head also took stuff. We all three carried the box to the back garden of the house and hid it up.

Went With the Unit.

"On Tuesday, Head and I put it on a carrier. Sgt. Lewin and Head both told me to watch out that nobody saw us. We put it on the carrier and covered it up. The unit moved to Brasted. The next thing I knew about it was when Sgt. Lewin told me to fetch the box to his room from a greenhouse at the back of the billet. Head helped me to carry it up to Sgt. Lewin's room and we were sorting it out when seen by an officer."

Witness then interviewed Head, who said "During last week-end when I knew we were moving, Sgt. Lewin, Pte. Scorer and myself decided to get into the house next to our billet. . . One of us undid the back door and we all went in. All three of us looked into the drawers, cupboards, etc., and I took a few cups and saucers and a few knives and forks. We found a tea-chest in the house and put the stuff in it while we were in the house. I helped to carry out this box and we hid it in the garden of the house.

"On Tuesday night Sgt. Lewin told me and Scorer to load the stuff in a carrier. We did so and put it on Sgt. Lewin's carrier. When we got to Brasted we all three took it to a greenhouse at the back of the billet. Later Scorer and I took it from the greenhouse to Sgt. Lewin's room and were sharing it out when seen. I did this because I wanted some stuff for my wife."

Sergeant's Statement.

When Sgt. Lewin was seen by witness and told of the inquiries he replied "I have nothing to say." Witness searched Lewin's bedroom and found two eiderdowns on his bed and a box of Christmas decorations and a box of Christmas candles on a shelf.

The next morning Lewin asked to see witness and said he wanted to tell him everything. He then made a statement in the course of which he said: "On Saturday, 21st November, I went with Ptes. Head, Scorer, Heath and Matthews to look round. I did not go upstairs in the house. When I got there I saw Pte. Ratcliffe. All bar Ratcliffe helped to pack stuff such as cups, saucers, knives, spoons and forks and eiderdowns into a box, which was in the house. Pte. Ratcliffe told me he had been upstairs and had got a money box which contained about 5s.

"We all left the house and afterwards it was just a matter of putting the stuff on a carrier and bringing it to Brasted. The box was brought to my room by Scorer and Head, when an officer saw it. The boxes of Christmas decorations and candles came from the box containing the other stuff and were put on my shelf in my room for Christmas for the lads. The clock came in with the box and I told Sgt. Bradley he could have it. That was after the officer had seen the stuff. I told Sgt. Bradley when he asked me that it had come from the box. He said 'I don't know anything about it then.'

Used as Palliasse.

"Pte. Head brought the three eiderdowns to my room and also the bath robe on Wednesday evening after the officer had been up. I knew he had got this stuff from the house in Harold-road because he told me some time after we left Cliftonville. I told him I had no palliasse and he told me I might as well use the eiderdowns. The electric iron was given to me at Cliftonville by someone in the unit. I do not know who it was."

D/C Wren, Margate Borough Police, said he went to Sevenoaks on 27th November with D/C Lilliott and saw Lewin, Head and Scorer detained. He later saw Matthews and Heath at their billet and told them that Lewin had made a statement implicating them.

Matthews said "I went into the house next to our billet at Cliftonville with Sgt. Lewin to see what I could pick up. I helped Scorer and Head lift the stuff on to the carrier, but I didn't take anything."

Heath stated: "Sgt. Lewin, Scorer, Head and Matthews told me about the house that was not occupied. At the beginning of this week I went with them to the house next door. I did not take any stuff, but I watched them pack it up in a tea-chest and later helped to carry the box out to a garage nearby where the carriers were."

Witness said he was handed a suitcase, containing articles, which was fastened with an Army webbing belt bearing Lewin's regimental number, and also a haversack containing a clock, three towels and a sheet, which also bore Lewin's number. He told Lewin the case had been found in a heap of sawdust at the back of the billet, and the haversack in a water-tank in a greenhouse behind the billet and he said "Yes. That's right. They are mine."

Theft Denied.

All defendants were brought to Margate, and when charged with looting, Lewin said "I never took any of that kit. I never took it from the house at all." Scorer, Head, Heath and Matthews all made replies to the effect that they did not take anything and only helped in the movement of it.

Witness said he found that a piece of perforated zinc had been torn away from the pantry window at the rear of 27-29 Harold-road, leaving a hole large enough for a person to climb through. The basement door was unfastened.

All five men were committed for trial at Margate Quarter Sessions on 8th January, bail being allowed to enable them to continue their military training.

Pte. Cyril Ratliffe (30) then appeared before the court charged with stealing 5s. from 27-29 Harold-road, belonging to Mr. Ingram, and with looting.

Mr. Ingram said among the articles missing from the house was a hospital collecting box.

D/C Wren stated that when he interviewed Ratliffe at Brasted he said "About a week ago I went into a house next to the billet at Cliftonville and took 5s. from a money box in an upstairs room. I went back to the billet for a sandbag and returned to the house to fill the bag with coal from the basement. When I passed the others in the house I told them I had got some money from a cash box."

Ratliffe was also committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions, bail being allowed.

Sgt. Daniel Joseph Bradley was charged with receiving on 26th November a clock, the property of Basil Thompson, and an eiderdown, belonging to Robert Ingram, knowing them to have been stolen.

He admitted receiving the clock.

Basil Thompson, of Manchester-street, London, W., said he lived at the house in Harold-road until a few years ago and left some property there in a trunk. Among the articles was a clock, which was now missing.

Mr. Ingram identified an eiderdown which was produced.

Clock Among Kit.

D/C Berkeley said he searched Bradley's room in the presence of an officer and found an eiderdown under the blanket on his bed. The clock was among his kit. Bradley said the previous day some men unpacked a box in the room. Afterwards Lewin gave him the clock. He did not ask where it came from.

D/C Wren said Bradley told him Lewin gave him the clock and he picked the eiderdown up off the floor in a corner of the room. When charged he said "I did not know the stuff was stolen. I did not receive the eiderdown. I just received the clock."

Bradley explained to the magistrates that the eiderdown was in the billet when he first saw it. The floor of the room was wet, having been scrubbed, and he picked it up to sleep on.

After the bench had decided to convict, the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) stated that Bradley had a clean sheet and was a good and efficient soldier.

An officer from the unit said accused had given every satisfaction, and the commanding officer was shocked when he heard of the case.

The Mayor announced that defendant would be sent to prison for two months.

The Chief Constable expressed his appreciation of the great assistance rendered to the police by the commanding officer and company commander, and also by D/C Berkeley.

"The only regrettable part," commented Mr. W. Booth Reeve, a member of the bench, "is that we get so many men before us to deal with."

SERVICES NIGHT AT ODEON

With one exception, service men provided the whole stage show at services night at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, on Friday.

The exception was Miss Edna Webb, at the piano. The chief guest artiste was Sgt. Williams, R.A.F., who has recently returned from training in Canada. His singing of "Yours" and "Maria Elena" was greatly appreciated.

Other artistes were Gnr. Griffiths, violin, Gnr. Edmunds and Gnr. Holliday, piano accordeonists, Gnr. Atkinson, who sang popular dance numbers, and an old friend and favourite in Gnr. Jimmy McIntyre.

Mr. R. N. Paterson, the popular Odeon manager, was again compere.

HANCOCK—MOYS

Miss Esther Louisa Moys, daughter of Mrs. Shilling, of 10 Cumberland-road, Ramsgate, was married at Christ Church, Ramsgate, on Thursday, to Pte. Ernest Hancock, A.C.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hancock, of Sheffield.

The bride was given away by her brother, Dvr. Ernest Shilling, and wore a blue dress, with skull cap and eye veil of the same material. Her bouquet was of pink chrysanthemums.

Mrs. E. F. Attwell, the matron of honour, wore a dress of fuschia marocain and carried a spray of white chrysanthemums.

The Vicar (the Rev. P. M. Townend) conducted the service and Cpl. Norman Jenkins, A.C.C., of Londonderry, Northern Ireland, carried out the duties of best man.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's mother and the happy couple later left for a honeymoon in Sheffield.

BLACK-OUT TO-DAY FROM 5.21 p.m. TILL 8.30 a.m.

CROUCH—TURNER

HOLY TRINITY WEDDING

The wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Ramsgate, on Saturday, between Miss Renee Beatrice Turner, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Turner, of 61 Cecilia-road, Ramsgate, and Gnr. Felix Leslie Crouch, R.A., fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. George Crouch, of 24 Millwall-place, Sandwich.

Given away by her father, the bride, who is employed at a local laundry, wore a dress of white satin, with veil and orange blossom, and carried a shower bouquet of white and bronze chrysanthemums.

Miss Lena Sayer (cousin of the bride), the chief bridesmaid, and Miss Eileen Crouch (sister of the bridegroom), the other attendant, wore dresses of salmon pink satin with lace overslip, and their shower bouquets were of pink chrysanthemums.

The best man was A/B Herbert Woodward, popularly known as "Sandy," who recently returned to this country after being released from captivity in Algeria. He was a member of the crew of the torpedoed cruiser Manchester.

The Rector (the Rev. A. H. Culmer) conducted the service, which was followed by a reception at St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall.

RAMSGATE GOLDEN WEDDING

IN BUSINESS IN TWO WARS

Celebrating their golden wedding are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wilson, of 37 Grove-road, Ramsgate, who have already been the recipients of many congratulations and presents from a wide circle of relatives, friends and business acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, who were married at Daventry, came to Ramsgate half a century ago when Mr. Wilson took over the management of the old Wheatsheaf Bakery in Hertford-street. He later started business on his own account, establishing the firm of Wilson and Son, bakers, of Addington-street, building up one of the largest "all-bread" trades in the town.

In the last war, when all the male assistants were called up, Mrs. Wilson—herself a skilled bread-baker—and Miss L. Wilson assisted Mr. Wilson to keep up production and the shop trade. All the outside trade, however, was lost.

When the war ended, Mr. J. Wilson (son) joined the business on completion of his Army service, and the family built up an even larger trade than before.

The present war has again taken its toll. "But," says Mr. Wilson, "we look forward to a victorious future and the return of prosperity to the dear old town."

Mrs. Wilson, formerly Miss Martha Tubbs, of Hellidon, Daventry, was active in the business until shortly before the present war, both on the production and management side.

Prisoners of War Week.—A total of £83 13s. was raised during Prisoners of War Week in Minster, Monkton, Acol, Ebbsfleet and Cliffs End. During the flag day on Saturday £37 3s. 3d. was collected.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Taylor.—5th December, at Maidstone, the wife of Jack Taylor, of Margate, of a son.

Tebbutt.—9th December, at 41 Brooke-avenue, Margate, the wife of D. Tebbutt, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Crouch—Turner.—12th December, at Holy Trinity Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. A. H. Culmer, Felix Leslie Crouch, of Sandwich, to Renee Beatrice Turner, of Ramsgate.

Culmer—Bishop.—5th December, at St. John's Church, Margate, Eric George Culmer to Dorothy May Bishop, both of Margate.

Johnson Savage.—5th December, at St. Margaret's Church, Southsea, Hants, Cpl. Douglas Henry Johnson, R.A.S.C., of Wrexham, North Wales, to Ivy Edith May Savage, of Southsea (late of 20 Richmond-road, Ramsgate).

DEATHS

Atkinson.—9th December, at Wood Green, London, Frederick Atkinson, late of Westbrook, Margate, aged 72 years.

Emptage.—6th December, George Henry Emptage, of 39 Byron-avenue, Margate, aged 93 years.

Pite.—2nd December, at Herne Common, Gertrude Alice, daughter of the late R. E. Borton and widow of A. R. Pite, of Ramsgate, in her 80th year. Interred at St. Lawrence-in-Thanet.

Selby.—6th December, at 77 Kelvin-road, Clydach, Swansea, Charles Thomas Selby, formerly of Margate.

Stuart.—5th December, at Holmbury, St. Mildred's-road, Westgate, Jessie A. Stuart.

Webb.—8th December, at St. Teresa, Minster-road, Westgate-on-Sea, Edwin Webb, aged 75 years.

Weymouth.—30th November, at Hednesford, Staffordshire, Percy Edward Weymouth.

IN MEMORIAM

Bean.—Treasured memories of our dear mother and granny, Matilda Jane Bean, who was called home to rest 15th December, 1940.—Forever in our thoughts. —From her son, daughter-in-law and grand-son, 5 Hardres-road, Ramsgate.

Cullen.—In ever-loving memory of our dearest son and brother (Harry), Pte. Henry Charles Kitchener Cullen, 1st Batt. The Buffs, killed in action in the Middle East, 1941.

We know not where our dear one lies
Out there beneath the desert skies;
No bright green English grasses wave
Upon the mound that marks his grave.
Always we shall remember him.

—From Mum, Dad and brother Ted.

Cullen.—Fondest memories of my dearest brother, Pte. H. Cullen, who fell in action in the Middle East, 14th December, 1941.

Just a memory fond and true
From one who thought the world of you.
You live with me in memories still
Not just to-day, but always will.
Until we meet again.—Het.

Cullen.—In proud and loving memory of a dear brother, Henry (Harry) Charles Kitchener Cullen, Pte., 1st Batt. Buffs, killed in action in the Middle East, 14th December, 1941.—Nell and Arthur. —Elracot, 389 Margate-road, Ramsgate.

Cullen.—In loving and treasured memory of Henry (Harry) Charles Kitchener Cullen, Pte., 1st Batt. The Buffs, killed on active service in the Middle East on 14th December, 1941.—Ever in the thoughts of his brother-in-law, Charlie Pullman, and nephew, Nip. —1 Beresford-road, Ramsgate.

Moore.—In loving memory of our dear father, William James Moore, who passed away 15th December, 1936.

You live with us in memories still.

—Bill, Bob and Ada, also grandchildren.

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